

REMARKS

Claims 1-60 were pending in this application. Claims 1-7 and 39-60 have been withdrawn from consideration as being drawn to a non-elected invention. No claims have been amended. No claims have been canceled. No claims have been added. As a result, 8-38 remain pending for examination.

In response to the Election/Restriction Requirement in the Office Action dated April 4, 2003, Applicants elect Group II, claims 8-38, with traverse.

Applicants respectfully traverse the Election/Restriction Requirement because a search and examination of the entire application, even if it includes claims to independent or distinct inventions, can be made without serious burden. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the Election/Restriction Requirement.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, this application is now in condition for allowance. A notice to this effect is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes, after this amendment, that the application is not in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to call Applicants' attorney at the telephone number listed below.

If this response is not considered timely filed and if a request for an extension of time is otherwise absent, Applicants hereby request any necessary extension of time. If there is a fee

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occasioned by this response, including an extension fee, that is not covered by an enclosed check, please charge any deficiency to Deposit Account No. 23/2825.

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